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OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

JANUARY 9—14, 1884.

The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was held in the basement of the Carondelet St. Church, New Orleans, beginning on Wednesday, January 9th, and adjourning with the night session, Monday, January 14, 1884; Rev. Bishop Hubbard H. Kavanaugh in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and were opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Bishop Kavanaugh, Rev. Bishop Linus Parker and various members of the Conference.

Chas. F. Evans was elected Secretary and S. B. McCutchen, Assistant Secretary.

The following members answered to roll call during the session:

CLERICAL—R. S. Trippett, J. L. Wright, J. B. Walker, B. F. Alexander, John A. Miller, B. F. White, James E. Bradley, T. H. McClendon, J. F. Scurlock, R. Parvin, T. J. Upton, J. H. Stone, John F. Wynn, Baxter Clegg, Chas. W. Carter, Chas. F. Evans, R. A. Davis, M. C. Manley, J. M. McKee, Robt. Randle, J. W. Medlock, C. R. Godfrey, Geo. Jackson, J. M. Brown, C. Keener, E. B. Foust, Wm. Hart, J. D. Harper, R. S. Isbell, J. J. Billingsley, F. G. Hocutt, J. T. Sawyer, A. E. Clay, N. S. Cornell, Lewis A. Reed, Jas. A. Parker, A. A. Cornett, T. K. Faunt Le Roy, J. B. Cassity, F. R. Hill, S. S. Keener, J. L. P. Sheppard, J. M. Beard, C. F. Stivers, R. M. Blocker, C. T. Munholland, R. S Collier, Henry O. White, W. R. Whatley, J. M. Johnston, C. W. Hodge, S. H. Whatley, B Carradine.

LAY—W. H. Foster, B. O. L. Rayne, T. J.Carver, J. J. Stockwell, S. B. McCutchen, A. C. Mitchell, J. Schreiner, T. C. Standi fer, Dr. A. S. Helmick.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Julius Wm. Bleker, Wm. H. Maxfield, George F. Hill.

Q 2. Who remain on trial?

A. Wm. Wimberly, A. C. Couey, S. J. Davies, John M. Davies; Daniel C. Barr, H. J. Boltz, James. P. Porter.

Q 3. Who are discontinued?

A. B. F. Jenkins.

Q 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A Hickson Capers and J. White Davis.

Q 5. Who are readmitted?

A Robt. J. Harp.

Q 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A Francis M. Grace from Holston Conference; S. Halsey Werlein from Texas Conference.

Q 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

A Samuel H. Whatley, Reuben S. Collier, Charles F. Stivers.

Q 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

A Hickson Capers and J. White Davis.

Q 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

A Hickson Capers and J. White Davis.

Q 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

A John M. Davies, J. Perry Porter, Stephen J. Davies, John C. Carnline, Lafayette M. D. Coody.

Q. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

A John C. Carnline, James P. Porter, Stephen J. Davies John M. Davies, Samuel D. Goff.

Q 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

A C. T. Munholland and R. M Blocker.

Q 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

A Chas. T. Munholland and R. M. Blocker.

Q 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

A None.

Q 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

A None.

Q 16. Who are located this year?

A Silas H. Cooper, at his own request.

Q 17. Who are supernumerary?

A A. G. Miller and T. J. Hough.

Q 18. Who are superanuated?

A John S. Davis, E. W. Yancey, W. E. Doty, P. H. Dieffenweirth, R. M. Crowson, Geo. M. Liverman, A. M. Wailes.

Q 19. What preachers have died during the year?

A Joel Saunders, W. D. Stayton and J. Lane Borden.

Q 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A Their names were called, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Q 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

A Local preachers 83; members, white 14926; members, colored 21. (For details see the statistical table.)

22 Q. How many infants have been baptised during the year?

A 876. (For details see statistical table.)

Q 23. How many adults have been baptised during the year?

A 561. (For details see statistical table.)

Q 24, 25, 26. What is the number of Sunday schools, Sunday school teachers and Sunday school scholars?

A Sunday schools,164; Sunday school teachers, 999; Sunday school scholars, 7141.

Q 27 and 28. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preacners and the widows and orphans of preachers, and what has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

The Joint Board of Finance through Rev. Dr. C. W. Carter, chairman, made their report, viz:

A Amount necessary		$3,500 00
AMOUNT COLLECTED, VIZ:		
New Orleans District	$840 90	
Shreveport	591 30	
Opelousas	286 95	
Homer	269 85	
Alexandria	87 75	
Delhi	368 75	
Colvin Bequest	6 95	$2,452 45
Deficit		$1,047 55

AMOUNT COLLECTED FOR BISHOPS.

From New Orleans District	$ 275 75
From Shreveport District	30 15
From Opelousas District	84 65
From Homer District	81 25
From Alexandria District	26 00
From Delhi District	86 35
Total	$684 15
Amount Bishops Claim	800 00
Deficit	$115 85

APPLIED, VIZ:

WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND SUPERANNUATES FUND.

To Rev. John S. Davis, sent by John W. Davis		$220 00
" E. W. Yancey, sent by N. S. Cornell		250 00
" P. H. Dieffenweirth, sent by C. W. Carter		250 00
" R. M. Crowson, sent by R. S. Collier		250 00
Mrs. P. M. Goodwyn, sent by F. R. Hill		227 25
" John Wilkinson, sent by C. Keener		202 75
" P. H. Moss, sent by R. S. Isbell		171 00
" W. D. Stayton, sent by R. M. Blocker		200 00
" Fielding Bell, sent by T. J. Carver		110 00
" J. D. Adams, sent by T. J. Upton		110 00
" R. R. R. Alexander, sent by S. B. McCutchen		110 00
" J. C. Reed, sent by A. A. Cornett		170 09
" Joel Saunders, sent by S. B. McCutchen		100 00
" Uriah Whatley, sent by S. H. Whatley		81 00

BISHOP'S FUND.

Amounts paid to Bishops H. H. Kavanaugh, J. C. Keener and L. Parker as per vouchers turned over to L. D. Palmer.....$684 15

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1884.

WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND SUPERANUATES FUND.

Amount necessary.....		$3,800 00
New Orleans District.....	$1,100 00	
Shreveport District.....	600 00	
Delhi District.....	600 00	
Homer District.....	600 00	
Opelousas District.....	600 00	
Alexandria District.....	300 00	— 3,800 00

BISHOP'S CLAIM.

Amount necessary.....		$800 00
New Orleans District.....	$300 00	
Shreveport District.....	120 00	
Homer District.....	120 00	
Delhi District.....	100 00	
Opelousas District.....	100 00	
Alexandria District.....	60 00	—$800 00

QUESTION 29. What has been contributed for missions?

ANSWER Rev. C. Keener, Treasurer of the Conference Board read following report, viz:

Dr.	For Foreign Missions	For Domestic Missions	From Woman Societies
To New Orleans Dist. by Church.....	$1165.15	$342.15	$654.55
" " " Sunday School	604.40	.....	50.60
To Shreveport Dist. by Sunday School	78.10	.....	.....
" " " Church.....	852.65	174.80	545.75
To Delhi " " "	320.80	75.75	200.00
" " " Sunday School	58.00	.....	.....
To Opelousas " " "	58.05	100.00	.....
" " " Church.....	280.00	79.90	.....
To Homer " " "	311.40	87.00	19.20
" " " Sunday School	18.55	.....	.....
To Alexandria " Church...	141.45	35.00	11.35
To one-half anniversary collection...	.....	195.40	.....
Total.....	$3,888.55	$1,090.00	$1,481.45

Cr.

By amount paid D. C. Kelly in N. Y. Exchange.....	$2,582 30
By amount paid D. C. Kelly in receipts.....	1,190 97
By amount paid D. C. Kelly per voucher.....	115 28
Total paid on account Foreign Missions.....	$3,888 55

APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Shreveport District	$ 290 00
Opelousas District	290 00
Delhi District	100 00
Alexandria District	236 00
Homer District	170 00
Total paid on account Domestic Missions	$1,086 00

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1884.

	Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions
New Orleans district	$2,275 00	$ 400 00
Shreveport District	1.175 00	275 00
Homer District	1,175 00	275 00
Delhi District	1,050 00	175 00
Opelousas District	825 00	200 00
Alexandria District	500 00	125 00
Total	$7,000 00	$1,450 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

Shreveport District	$ 350 00
Opelousas District	350 00
Alexandria District	250 00
Homer District	200 00
Delhi District	100 00
Total	$1,250 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, FOR 1883.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.		
Felicity Street Auxiliary	$ 87 65	
Baton Rouge Auxiliary	20 00	$107 65
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.		
Shreveport Auxiliary	163 00	
Friendship Auxiliary	74 75	
Keachi and Bellbower Auxiliary	43 05	
Pleasant Hill Auxiliary	13 00	
Greenwood Auxiliary	82 65	
Mount Zion Auxiliary	10 30	$386 75
HOMER DISTRICT.		
Tulip Church Auxiliary		19 20
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.		
Alexandria and Pineville Auxiliary		6 35
DELHI DISTRICT		
Trenton Auxiliary	176 70	
Faulk's Chapel Auxiliary	14 80	
Colony Auxiliary	10 00	$201 50
Total		$721 45

MRS. W. H. FOSTER,

Cor. Sec. and Treas. of the La., Conference W.. M. Society.

January 9, 1884.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, JANUARY, 1884.

It is with feelings of mingled wonder and delight that we contemplate the progress of Missions in every part of the world. Every branch of the Church seems inspired with an unwonted zeal in this great cause.

Missionaries are finding their way to every part of the world, and depositing the leaven of the Gospel among all the families of our race.

Men, warmed with Apostolic zeal, have abandoned the comforts of civilized life, and are gone to the ends of the earth to bear to benighted nations the first tidings of a precious Saviour.

Numerous Societies have risen into existence on both sides of the Atlantic under whose foistering care Missionaries are now employed. And from India, and from China, from Madagascar and from Japan, from Africa and from Australia, from Mexico and from South America, as well as from the scores of other fields, the laborers send up the cheering news that God is giving the heathen to his son for a possession, and the intermost parts of the earth for his inheritance.

Great changes are being wrought in the most ancient heathen States; the darkest forms of idolatry and superstition are melting away. It is said that Christianity has made greater progress in the last century than it did in the first century of the Christian Era.

The Church is beginning to feel that the world belongs to Christ, and must be subdued to his reign; the Ministry are beginning to feel anew the spirit of their mission—the love of Christ is constraining them to go into the regions beyond. Our own Church and Ministry are drinking into this spirit. The world, the world for Christ! is the cry that passes along the line of the advancing hosts. Neither the boundaries of continents nor the limits of civilization should circumscribe our efforts. Wherever man is found, wherever a wounded, bruised, and benighted soul exists, thither should we seek to turn the current of that life-giving stream, which is to touch the nations and revivify the world.

If the feet of them who bring the tidings of salvation are "beautiful upon the mountains," some, at least, of the beauty will be reflected upon those who send them along that shining pathway. And what object can be so worthy as that of raising those who are dead in trespasses and sins to life and immortality, through the faith of the Gospel? What sacrifice so acceptable and pleasing to God, as to do good and communicate for this great work of sending the Gospel to every creature? In what way, as in this, can we so effectually secure to ourselves durable riches, "incorruptible and unfading?" In what way can we so effectually secure the approbation of our own conscience, and the plaudit of God our Saviour, as by contributing, with readiness of mind and true benevolence of heart, to the furtherance of the Gospel and to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The liberal soul deviseth liberal things. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. It is more blessed to give than to receive, for God loveth a cheerful giver. During the past year there were no missions proper within the bounds of our Conference. The territory, otherwise missionary, was occupied by pastors on circuits and stations, aided by the local ministry. The Board recommends the above course, in order to give efficiency to the work. We have a large missionary territory in our state, but for want of means, and in some instances men, we are not able to carry on the work as its importance demands.

Can not we be moved, by love to God, and love to man, by faith and philanthropy, by the benefits which are ours through the gospel, and by the coming glories of the Messiah's eternal reign to send the Gospel to those who have it not?

Now is the time, during this centennial year, to set in motion a wave of influence that, with ever-widening sweep, may roll on from generation to generation, until nation after nation, with glad voices and willing hearts shall unite to crown Christ Jesus, Lord of all.

R. S. TRIPPETT, Secretary.

New Orleans, January 13, 1884.

CONSTITUTION

Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

ARTICLE 1. This board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting, the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for General purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish with the consent of the preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the preachers in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following Constitution and By Laws are printed for information, and recommended for use in the formation of Auxiliary Societies:

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ——— ———, auxiliary to the Louisiana Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South."

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the evangelization of heathen Women, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar per year, or ten cents per month, may become a member of this society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ARL. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communications of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Auxiliary shall be the last regular meeting before that of the Conference Society. At this annual meeting the reports of Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-Laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with notices of the meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to report quarterly, on or before the first of March, June, September and December, to the Conference Secretary, the number of members and work of the Society.

5. Order of Exercises for monthly meetings: 1. Devotional exercises. 2. Reading and approving of Minutes. 3. Reports from members of what they have done for the Society the past month. 4. Report of Treasurer in writing. 5. Report of Corresponding Secretary. 6. Unfinished business. 7. Adjournment.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer on or before the first of March, June, September and December.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary zeal and intelligence, as well as earnestness in special work of this society.

8. There shall be a standing committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for monthly and quarterly meetings.

9. If the work of the Corresponding Secretary and Trasurer is too heavy for those officers, assistants must be elected.

10. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation or removal, it must be filled as soon as possible.

11. Each lady connected with this society shall try to induce others to become members; and each shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer the Society, its workers, mission-schools, orphans, and missionaries.

Where Auxiliary Societies find that it is best to make the fee larger, it is entirely within their province to do so.

There will be an annual meeting of the General Executive Association at such time and place as may hereafter be determined.

BOARD OF MISSIONS, 1884.

CLERICAL—

B. F. Alexander, President;
S. S. Keener, Secretary;
B. Carradine, Treasurer;
John A. Miller,
N. S. Cornell,

LAY—

A. C. Mitchell, Vice-President;
T. C. Standifer,
W. H. Foster.

QUESTION 30. What are the Educational Statistics?

ANSWER—Two colleges valued at.....$105,000 00
Thirteen professors, 150 students.....
Amount collected and paid to President
D. M. Rush, of Centenary College 322 50
One College, not used at present,
660 acres land, approximate value 990 00

APPORTIONMENT.

The amount assessed is same as the Bishop's claim, $800, and is apportioned like that among the Districts.

Rev. J. A. Parker, Chairman of the Board of Education, read the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 1.

The Board of Education have carefully examined into the various interests committed to their care, and are grateful to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," for the success which has attended the labors of the faithful educators who preside over our institutions of learning.

We are assured by both Bishop Keener, the President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Rush, the President of Centenary College, that that old and honored institution is in a prosperous condition.

The Conference Board of Education have come into possession of no data from which it can determine the amount of money contributed (during the Conference year just closed) to the cause of Education. The Board of Trustees report $299 00 as having been collected since the last annual report. Whether this comprises the whole amount collected during Conference year just closed we do not know, nor does it matter materially, since it is perfectly apparent that that institution does not receive anything like the sum its usefulness and prominence demand. For many long years Centenary College has suffered, its usefulness has been checked and the cause of Education cation retarded, all for want of a few thousand dollars to put it on a solid and unquestioned basis. Its survival is the strongest evidence of the success of persevering self-sacrifice. The one great question which has occupied our time and engaged our thoughts is, How can we relieve our Colleges from embarrassment, and promote their work and encourage their aims?

Ordinarily, the answer to this question is, "Give them patronage," but in the present case no probable amount of patronage of that kind will meet the demands. Our Colleges need money, and if the Conference desire to advance them on the highway to success, it must furnish money. That Dr. Rush is doing a grand work, a work out of which work will be evolved in the future, no one can disbelieve, if he will take the time and trouble to look into the report of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College.

Referring to Mansfield Female college, we find its success under the Presidency of Rev. F. M. Grace, D. D. much greater than under the circumstances, we had hoped to see.

Under circumstances calculated to depress any business and sufficient to crush an enterprise of this kind, Dr. Grace has succeeded in so quieting the agitation, aided by the effects of time and reflection, as to raise the attendance from 35 to 60 pupils, with a prospect for a still further increase of patronage.

This College, like Centenary, though not in debt, greatly needs money, and without money will be necessarily hindered to some extent in its work.

In view of the demands of our Colleges, the Conference Board of Education had determined to try to raise the sum of $50,000 as a thank offering to the Lord for His merciful providence over our Church during the first century of its existence, and apply the same to Centenary and Mansfield Female Colleges; $30,000 to the former and $20,000 to the latter. Respectfully submitted. J. A. PARKER, Chairman.

J. D. HARPER, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2.

The remonstrance of certain persons, acting as Trustees of Pierce and Paine College, in regard to the sale of the property of said corporation and its appropriation to other institutions of learning, under the control of this conference, we find to be uncalled for.

This conference, at its session in Mansfield in January of last year, passed a resolution appointing Bro. J. L. Scales a committee to inquire into and report to this conference the value and condition of all the assets of Pierce and Paine College, and make "such suggestions in regard to the best methods of applying the same to the uses of the Church, as he might think proper."

As the Conference has some property there, the value and condition of which are not known to us, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of Pierce and Paine College, for the year 1884, be constituted as follows, viz:

CLERICAL—B. F. Alexander, R. Parvin, C. F. Evans, H. Capers, J. M. Brown, S. S. Keener, John Pipes, F. M. Grace, Wm. Hart, J. M. Beard, J. J. Cassity, C. R. Benson.

LAY—H. J. Davis, A. Massey, Wm. Robertson, Dr. Wilson, D. A. Blackshear, Jas. W. Gibbs, John Fike, Wm. Hopkins, Thos. Porter, Wm. Porter, Geo. Martin, Joshua Saunders.

Resolved, That said Board of Managers be and are hereby instructed to report to this Conference at its next session:

First—The kind of assets belonging to Pierce and Paine College.

Second—The condition of the titles to said assets.

Third—The value of all the property belonging to said institution.

Respectfully submitted. J. A. PARKER, Chairman.

J. D. HARPER Secretary.

QUESTION 31. **Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?**

ANSWER. Minden, La.

Q. 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

A.

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....J. B. Walker, P. E.
Carondelet Street.....Felix R. Hill.
Felicity Street.....Chas. W. Carter.
St. Charles Street.....B. Carradine.
Moreau Street.....J. W. McLauren.
Louisiana Avenue.....S. H. Werlein.
Algiers and Gretna.....Jas. L. Wright.
Lafourche Circuit.....J. F. Scurlock.
Baton Rouge .....H. O. White.
A. G. Miller, Sup'n'm'y.
Plaquemine and Donaldsonville.....F. G. Hocutt.
Agent Southwestern Bible Society.....Jas. A. Ivy.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....B. F. Alexander, P. E.
Shreveport.....Chas. F. Evans.
Mooringsport.....Wm. Wimberly.
Caddo.....To be supplied.
Logansport.....Jesse Fulton.
Mansfield.....Robt. J. Harp.
Pleasant Hill.....Robt. Parvin.
Natchitoches and Tiger Island.....Chas. F. Stivers.
Anacoco.....To be supplied by
Sam'l S. Holliday.
Red River.....R M. Blocker.
Provencal.....To be supplied by
John C. Carnline.
Coushatta.....A. C. Couey.
South Bossier.....E. B. Foust.
North Bossier.....John B. Cassity.
Robeline and Many.....H. Capers.
Sabine.....To be supplied by
J. M. Franklin.
Grand Cane and Woodside.....John Pipes.

Northwest Calcasieu.....To be supplied by John F. Carrol.
President Mansfield Female College.....F. M. Grace.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....N. S. Cornell, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville.....Jas. M. Beard.
Rapides Circuit.....Jeptha Landrum.
Winfield.....J. W. Hearn.
Jena.....D. C. Barr.
Columbia.....J. D. Harper.
Evergreen and Big Cane.....Sam'l H. Whatley.
Spring Creek.....To be supplied by Abel Hoffpauer.
Black River.....Geo. Jackson.
Vidalia and Troy.....Lewis A. Reed.
Bayou Bœuf.....Fred. White.
Colfax and Montgomery.....R. A. Davis.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....C. Keener, P. E.
Opelousas.....Jas. E. Bradley.
T. J. Hough, Sup'n'm'y.
Washington.....Julius W. Bleker,
Vermillionville Circuit.....T. S. Randle.
Plaquemine Brulee.....M. C. Manley.
Abbeville.....A. E. Clay.
New Iberia.....T. J. Upton.
Franklin.....T K. Faunt LeRoy.
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....R. S. Trippett.
Lake Charles.....Sam'l S. Keener.
Sugar Town.....H. J. Boltz.
Grand Cheniere.....E. B. Galloway.
Jenerette and French Mission.....S. J. Davies.
Sulphur Mine Circuit.....J. P. Porter.

DELHI DISTRICT.....R. Randle. P. E.
Monroe.....B. F. White.
Delhi and Floyd.....J. M. McKee.
Trenton.....Wm. Hart.
Bastrop.....John T. Sawyer.
Lind Grove.....R. S. Isbell.
Oak Ridge.....John F Wynn.
Rayville.....C. T. Munholland.
Winnsboro.....To be suppled by T. B. Reneau.
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....T. H. McClendon.
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....J. M. Brown.
Tensas.....J. W. Davis.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.....Baxter Clegg.
Oak Grove and Macona.....Geo. F. Hill.

HOMER DISTRICT.....A. A. Cornett, P. E.
Homer.....J. W. Medlock.
Tulip.....R. T. Parish
Haynesville.....J. A. Miller.
Minden and Mt Zion.....J. A. Parker.
Minden Circuit.....W. H. Maxfield.

Sparta and Sabine.....R. S. Collier.
Arcadia.....Jas. J. Billingsley.
Vernon.....J. L. P. Shepperd.
Indian Village.....C. W. Hodge.
Rochester Mission.....W. R. Whatley.
Downsville.....C. R. Godfrey.
Farmerville.....J. M. Johnston.
Summerfield.....To be suppled by John L. Williams.
Ringgold.....J. F. Patterson.
Saline.....John M. Davies.
Ruston Circuit.....J. H. Stone.

A. T. Galloway, transferred to Little Rock Conference.
J. V. Penn, transferred to Mississippi Conference.
Silas H. Cooper located at his own request.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Clerical: Revs. C. W. Carter, B. F. White, John A. Miller, J. B. Cassity, J. M. Beard, T. K. Faunt LeRoy.

Lay: W. H. Foster, T. C. Standifer, R. B. Howell, S. B. McCutchen, J. B. Pickles, D. H. Hays.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Rev. J. M. Brown, Chairman—Of Sunday School Board.
Rev. J .B. Walker, Chairman—Com. on Church Publications.
Rev. R. S. Trippett, Chairman—Com. on Bible Cause.
Rev. J. T. Sawyer, Chairman—Com. on Temperance.
Rev. J. A. Parker, Chairman—Com. on Board of Education.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

To Centenary College—Revs. Felix R. Hill, Henry O. White, F. G. Hocutt.

To Mansfield Female College—Revs. Chas. F. Evans. A. C. Couey, S. B. McCutchen.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

Revs. B. F. Alexander, Chas. F. Evans, R. J. Harp, A. F. Jackson, Geo. H. Sutherlin.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Rev. Jas. A. Parker, President; S. B. McCutchen, Treasurer; Rev. J. D. Harper, Secretary; W. H. N. Magruder, Rev. C. W. Carter, A. S. Helmick, Rev. R. S. Isbell, T. C. Standifer, Rev. J. T.Sawyer, J. G. Pickles, Rev. Jas. E. Bradley, J. Schreiner.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Baxter Clegg, John T. Sawyer, J. D. Harper.

For Class of First Year—Jos. W. Medlock, Jas. J. Billingsley, N. S. Cornell.

For Class of Second Year—John A. Miller, R. S. Isbell, A. A. Cornett.

For Class of Third Year—Thos. J. Hough, Ben. F. White, J. M. Brown.

For Class of Fourth Year—T. K. Faunt LeRoy, R. Randle, J. B. Walker,

UNDERGRADUATES.

Class of First Year—Daniel C. Barr, H. J. Boltz, Julius W. Bleker, Wm. H. Maxfield, Geo. F. Hill.

Class of Second Year—Wm. Wimberley, A. C. Couey, S. J. Davies, John M. Davies, James P. Porter, Edmond B. Galloway, Jeptha Landrum.

Class of Third Year—Hickson Capers, J. White Davis.

Class of Fourth Year—Sam'l H. Whatley, Reuben S. Collier, Chas. F. Stivers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THANKS.

Revs. J. W. Medlock and J. D. Harper offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of New Orleans who have so hospitably entertained us, and to the various lines of travel that have given reduced rates to Ministers and Lay Delegates attending this annual Conference.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we commend the Southwestern Bible Society and its agent to the sympathy and support of our people.

CERTIFICATES OF ORDERS.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish to Rev. Augustus D. Russell and Rev. James L. Wright certificates of their ordination as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in place of their parchments which have been lost.

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS.

Rev. Thomas B. Newby, having been a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Deacon and Elder in that Church, and now being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, applied for recognition of his orders. On the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans District, and his formal assumption of our ordination vows, Conference recognized him as being in Elder's orders.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That as Preachers we will each try to raise from every member of our charges a contribution for the Missionary cause.

Resolved, That we will take up the collections for Missions between this and the first day of June.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to make a roll of the Conference according to seniority, and that each Preacher's age in the Conference shall be determined by the date of his last admission into the Conference.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

At the call of Rev. D. M. Rush, President of Centenary College, the following amounts were subscribed to defray the board and other expenses of Rev. J. B. Lockhart, one of the students of Centenary College preparing for our Ministry:

A E Clay,	$50 00	H Capers,	$20 00
D C Kelly,	10 00	C Keener,	10 00
F R Hill,	25 00	B O L Rayne,	10 00
Dr C B Galloway,	10 00	D L Mitchell,	5 00
J M Johnston,	10 00	Geo Thompson,	10 00
T C Standifer,	10 00	Dr J B Walker,	10 00
L A Reed,	10 00	A C Mitchell,	5 00
B Carradine,	10 00	J D Harper,	5 00
B F Alexander,	5 00		
Total			$215 00

LOUISIANA LOTTERY.

WHEREAS, The State of Louisiana through its representatives in Constitutional Convention assembled, has declared gambling to be a vice, and in the face of this declaration has licensed, and does, through its courts of law, protect and maintain the Louisiana State Lottery Company in a species of gambling of which the Supreme Court of the United States has said: "Experience has shown that the common forms of gambling are comparatively innocent when placed in contrast with the widespread pestilence of lotteries which enters every dwelling, reaches every class, infects the whole community, preys upon the hard earnings of the poor and plunders the ignorant and simple;" and,

WHEREAS, The article of the Constitution which declares gambling to be a vice, is but a recognition of the spirit and precept of the Divine law which is above all human law, therefore

Be it resolved by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South;

1st. That the licensing and legalizing of a business declared to be a vice is not only in open defiance of human law and decency, but a bold and defiant infraction of the Law of God.

2d. That we, as Ministers of that Sovereign who is above all earthly powers and potentates, will, in His name, from pulpit and press, protest against the perpetuation of this iniquity and invoke His aid in the extermination of this evil and its elimination from our borders.

3d. That we recommend the circulation in our several charges of petitions to the Legislature, praying them to submit to the people of Louisiana a Constitutional Amendment forever prohibiting the establishment or existence of lotteries in the State of Louisiana.

PRESENTATION TO REV. BISHOP H. H. KAVANAUGH, D. D.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Walker, in behalf of the Louisiana Annual Conference, made to Rev. Bishop Kavanaugh a speech of congratulation on to-day completing the eighty-second year of his life, recalling felicitously conspicuous events in his Ministry

and episcopal office, and presented him with a gold-headed walking cane.

At the same time, Thala Lyons, the sixth anniversary of whose birth this day brought, tripped lightly up to the rostrum with a basket of beautiful fresh flowers, which Dr. Walker also presented, and described as the symbol of immortality and a fra grant benediction upon his advancing years.

Rev. J. A. Ivy, in a short and graceful speech, also presented a copy of the New Testament Scriptures, superbly bound and printed in the largest type used by the American Bible Society in its publications.

Bishop Kavanaugh in response, while accepting the gifts, made a touching and beautiful speech, recognizing in graceful and eloquent sentiments his appreciation of our confidence and affection.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the State and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunder, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, see proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name the said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable purposes as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the city of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine Trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four Trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of the said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855.

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. Chas. W. Carter; T. K. Faunt LeRoy; C. Keener; John T. Sawyer; R. S. Trippett; John Pipes; B. F. Alexander, T. J. Williams and W. H. Foster.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published Annually in the printed Minutes.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, travelling and local, in the District; and second, of one lay delegate from every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit, Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

BISHOP J. C. KEENER, BISHOP LINUS PARKER,
JOSEPH B. WALKER, D. D., R. M. WALMSLEY,
R. L. ROBERTSON, W. H. FOSTER,
JNO. G. PARHAM, J. J. LYONS, M. D.,
B. O. L. RAYNE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

CLERICAL.

J. M. Brown, N. S. Cornell, J. A. Parker, F. M. Grace, C. R. Godfrey, T. J. Upton.

LAY.

W. H Foster, J. Moore, J. W. Dawson, A. C. Mitchell, L. P. Whittington, O. M. Marsh.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

At a called meeting of the Church Extension Board of the Louisiana Conference, January 8, 1884, it was resolved that the Anniversary meeting of the Board be held at Carondelet Street Methodist Church on Wednesday, at 7 P. M., January 9th, the Annual Conference being in session.

Rev. Felix R. Hill was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Patrick Galvin. J. M. Beard was elected in place of A. T. Galloway. Col. Standifer in place of F. E. Bowman.

The Church Extension Board, as now organized, is composed of the following Brethren:

John T. Sawyer, Chairman; Baxter Clegg, Vice-Chairman; J. J. Stockwell, Treasurer; Thomas J. Hough, Secretary; R. B. Howell, J. Schreiner, J. B. Pickles, W. H. N. Magruder, Alfred E. Clay, Felix R. Hill, J. M. Beard, Col. T. C. Standifer.

The Anniversary meeting was held in Carondelet Street Church, Wednesday, January 9th, at 7 P. M., and $107.40 raised for Church Extension. During the year $1279.95 have been collected throughout our Conference for Church Extension, which has been disposed of according to the law of our Church, and the Constitution of our Board. See Treasurer Stockwell's annual report.

Natchitoches and Farmerville Churches have been assisted, and the Board have resolved to contribute $100 towards the erection of a Mission Chapel under the direction of Carondelet Street Church, and $200 to Vidalia Church, to be paid according to the provisions of our Constitution.

The Board passed a resolution to the effect that no moneys will be paid out hereafter for debts previously contracted.

The following apportionment was made by the Board for the ensuing Conference year, based on the apportionments made by the General Board:

New Orleans District	$573 75
Delhi District	255 00
Homer District	276 25
Shreveport District	276 25
Alexandria District	152 50
Opelousas District	216 25
Total	$1750 00

THOMAS J. HOUGH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE IN SESSION IN NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 12th, 1884.

DEBIT.

To amount received from New Orleans District	$ 397 35
" " " " Shreveport District	291 65
" " " " Opelousas District	163 25
" " " " Homer District	110 00
" " " " Alexandria. District	27 00
" " " " Delhi District	207 85
" " " " Anniv'rs'y col. in N. O. Jan. 9, 1884	82 45
Total receipts	$1,279 55

CREDIT.

By amount paid to Parent Board as per vouchers	$ 536 95	
" " " " B. F. Alexander for Church at Natchitoches	200 00	
" " " " J. M. Johnston for Church at Farmerville	100 00	
To amount of balance on hand	442 60	
Total		$1,279 55
To balance on hand brought down		442 60

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Board of Church Extension of the Louisiana Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE II—Officers and Their Duties.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and eight managers, to be elected by the Louisiana Annual Conference, on nomination of the Presiding Elders, at its session next succeeding each session of the General Conference. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an executive committee; the duties of the officers and of the executive committee shall be the same as usually pertain to such officers and committees in similar bodies.

ARTICLE III—Object.

The object of this Board is to assist as an auxiliary to the Parent Board and to take charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension, in the Louisiana Annual Conference, according to the provisions of the discipline.

ARTICLE IV—Funds.

The funds of this Board shall be derived from contributions from the Parent Board, from collections taken by each preacher in every congregation, donations and bequests.

ARTICLE V—Meetings.

This Board shall hold a meeting at each session of the Annual Conference, at which regular meeting provision shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be held on call of the executive committee. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum at any meeting. Vacancies in the interim of Conference shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VI—Aid.

All applications for aid shall set forth:

1st. A description of the building for which aid is asked.

2d. The estimated and probable cost when completed.

3d. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions now on hand.

4th. The nature of the title, its validity, and whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

5th. The names of the Board of Trustees.

6th. The number of church members, Sunday school children, and population of the place, whether within a city or town.

7th. Any additional facts that may be required by the Board, or that may be deemed necessary or useful to the Board in making a decision.

In no case shall the Treasurer pay money to aid any church building until ordered to do so by the executive committee, and in no case shall the executive committee make an order for such payment until furnished with a written certificate from the Recorder of Deeds, for the parish in which the building is being erected, showing that the warranty deed, conveying the site of the church edifice, in fee simple, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is on record, and also a written certificate from the Trustees of such church building, assuring the committee that the payment asked for from this Board will speedily open the house for use, free of debt.

ARTICLE VII—Assessments.

The Board at its regular meeting shall apportion among the Presiding Elders' Districts the amounts assessed upon the Conference by the Parent Board, and the District Stewards are instructed to apportion the assessments upon the Districts among the several charges of the same.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday School Board beg leave to submit the following report:

The statistics reported to the Conference show an increase which, under all the circumstances, speaks well for the workers in this field.

We have now 159 schools, 962 officers and teachers, and 7006 scholars.

We are glad to see that our people are keeping abreast with the constantly increasing zeal of the religious world in behalf of this cause.

Our Sunday School Periodicals, published at Nashville, show evident signs of improvement. The Secretary, Dr. Cunnyngham, has valuable assistance in the person of Rev. J. A. Lyons, and they are giving us, at low rates, literature which is doubtless equal to any in this field.

These publications are also mailed in time to reach the most distant schools in time for use as demanded in the schoolroom.

The Sunday School and its Methods, by Rev. J. A. Lyons, is a valuable book, and we recommend its circulation.

The last General Conference made some recommendations which ought not to be overlooked:

First. It recommends that Presiding Elders hold District Sunday School Conferences in their districts either during the District Conference, or at some other time during the year.

How far this recommendation has been observed in this Conference we are not prepared to say, but we respectfully suggest that such meetings would greatly stimulate our Sunday School work.

Second. The second recommendation is that a Sunday School Confer-

ence Convention be held at such time and place as may be indicated by the Sunday School Board.

We are aware that a proposition of this sort will meet with some opposition; but we think it would be well to test the plan, and not write it down as impracticable or inefficient before trial. We therefore recommend that a Convention be held at Mansfield on the 14th and 15th of June next, and that said Convention be composed of Presiding Elders, Pastors, and one delegate from each Sunday School. The Board would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That in the hundredth year of Methodism on this continent, we devoutly render thanks to Almighty God for His blessings upon the Sunday School cause, and that we make a special effort this year to bring up the number of Sunday School scholars in every charge to the number of Church members in the same.

J. M. BROWN, Chairman.

REPORT OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

The Conference Centenary Committee met in the pastor's office of the Carondelet Street Church, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 2 P. M., and perfected its organization by the election of the following officers, viz: Rev. J. B. Walker, D. D., President; Rev. J. M. Beard, Secretary, and S. B. McCutchen, Treasurer. Upon motion, Rev. C. W. Carter, D. D., was elected to preach the Centennial sermon at the next session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. The following committee was created to arrange the necessary preliminaries of the Centennial celebration within our Conference boundaries: Rev. John T. Sawyer, Chairman; Revs. B. F. Alexander and Charles F. Evans.

Rev. C. Keener offered, substantially, the following resolutions which, after prolonged discussion and some inessential changes, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the leading object of the Centenary observance of this Conference shall be the spiritual improvement of our people by reviewing the signal mercies of God to us as a Church the first hundred years of our organic life, and that, as an expression of our gratitude to God for His blessings, we make a thank offering of such a character as shall not only be permanent, but also increase the efficiency of our Church in this State for years to come.

Resolved, That as such thank offering we endeavor to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars as a Centenary fund to be divided between the causes of Church Extension, of Education and of Domestic Missions as follows: $20,000 for Church Extension, $20,000 for Education, and $10,000 for Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That while we will recognize the right of each donor to give specific direction to the contributions which he may make to the fund; yet, in view of the destitution throughout the territory occupied by us of par-

sonage and church buildings caused, in a measure, by those peculiar difficulties with which we, as a Conference, contend, we recommend that one-half of that portion of our Centenary fund to be raised for Church Extension be expended in the erection of parsonages and churches, or the payment of debts upon such property, within our own State.

Resolved, That among our educational enterprises in Louisiana, Centenary College stands forth first and prominent, the oldest institution of learning in the Southern connection, it being the magnificent monument of a former Centenary of Methodism; and that, in view of the good work it has done in years gone by and is continuing to do in the Southwest educating ministers and the sons of ministers free of tuition, and thereby conserving the interests of Methodism by filling our pulpit with an intelligent and consecrated ministry, therefore, we recommend that one-half of the fund donated to education be expended in the repair and endowment of Centenary College; and that, in view of our special obligation to Mansfield Female College, it being the exclusive property of this Conference, the other half of this fund be expended in the repair and endowment of that institution of learning.

Resolved, That the fourth Sunday in May, of the current year, and as many Sabbaths thereafter as will suffice for the accommodation of works composed of more than one appointment, be set apart for the public Centennial services in all the churches within our Conference boundaries.

Committee adjourned subject to call.

J. B. WALKER, Chairman,

J. M. BEARD, Secretary.

MEMBERS.

New Orleans District—Rev. J. B. Walker, D. D., Rev. C. W. Carter, D. D., Rev. T. Carver.

Shreveport District—Rev. B. F. Alexander, Rev. Chas. F. Evans, D. D., S. B. McCutchen.

Opelousas District—Rev. C. Keener, Rev. T. J. Upton, J. A. Pharr.

Alexandria District—Rev. N. S. Cornell, Rev. J. M. Beard, R. J. Bowman.

Homer District—Rev. A. A. Cornett, Rev. J. A. Miller, R. B. Howell.

Delhi District—Rev. Robt. Randle, Rev. John T. Sawyer, H. P. Wells.

CENTENARY PROGRAMME FOR THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

1. Let Centenary mass meetings be held at the following points: Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans; Shreveport, New Iberia, Homer, Alexandria and Monroe. The Presiding Elders will fix the time of meeting, appoint the speakers, designate for each speaker his field of thought, and make all other necessary arrangements. Let special prominence be given to devotional exercises.

2. Let the children's day be held in every charge at such time in June as the Pastor may consider best. Let the exercises be by the children and

suited to the occasion. Let the collection be provided for beforehand and not left to the caprice of the moment.

3. Let one day at each District Conference be wholly devoted to Centenary purposes, and each Presiding Elder preach a Centenary sermon, the day to be opened with a love-feast.

4. Let each Pastor appoint at once a committtee of three men and three women to circulate in his charge Centennial literature, and secure subscribers for the New Orleans Christian Advocate, aiming to place said paper in every family. Let this committee aid the Pastor in all his Centenary operations.

5. Let special attention be given to the establishment and maintenance of class meetings in every congregation, and let all, by prayer and diligent effort, seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to the end that thousands may be converted to God and added to our Zion.

J. T. SAWYER, Chairman;
C. F. EVANS,
B. F. ALEXANDER.
Executive Committee.

New Orleans, La., January 19, 1884.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee on District Conference Records would respectfully represent that we have scrutinized the various books submitted to us, and make upon them the following observations:

The record of the Alexandria District has been well kept.

The Delhi District Conference Record is a model for neatness and its facilities for reference. It has also the virtue of being neither too brief nor too long—but is a clear condensed journal of Conference business.

The Shreveport Journal was examined and the minutes were found to be faithfully recorded. They are much more voluminous than necessary.

On the Homer District Record book we make this criticism:

First. It is not paged.

Second. There is no distinction made between ministers in charge of the circuits and the lay element.

Third. At one of the sessions it is not stated whether or not the minutes were approved.

Fourth. Reference is made to the committee without saying what committee when there were several committees.

Fifth. It appears that there was no Divine services held at the opening of one of its sessions.

Sixth. There is no mention made as to how the Conference adjourned, whether with or without the Benediction. Otherwise correct.

B. CARRADINE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee ask leave to report that they have considered the subject of Church Publications. The publishing interest has become one of the great industries, as well as one of the most efficient of all the factors of modern civilization. Without printing we see not how the Reformation ever could have become the widespread and permanent power it is.

The illustrious and sainted Wesley, in so many things an example worthy of all imitation, was quick to see, and avail himself of the power of the press, and soon became eminent as a publisher of books original, compiled and republished, and illustrated in a conspicuous degree what may be done in this direction. His magazine was begun so early as 1778, one hundred and six years ago. His various publications amounted in the aggregate to 14 volumes of closely printed original prose works. His commentaries and compilations and abridgements form a list of one hundred and nineteen publications in prose, one of which, entitled the "Christian Library," alone contained fifty volumes. He published fifty-two separate works in poetry, the joint work of himself and brother, Charles Wesley and lastly, five collections on hymns and tunes.

As early as the conditions of our new country would permit, American Methodism followed in the footsteps of Wesley, and English Wesleyans. As early as 1788 official attention was given to the publication of books by the appointment of a "Book Steward," with a borrowed capitol of $600. This was the foundation of the great "book concern" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was first located at Philadelphia, and removed to New York in 1804. A branch was established at Cincinnati in 1820. The two branches represent a capitol of near two millions dollars. Our first American Methodist newspaper, "The Zion Herald," was established in 1822; the "Christian Advocate," in New York, four years later, 1826. As far back as 1818 the Methodist Magazine, now the Quarterly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was begun.

Immediately on the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Petersburg, Va., 1846, a Book Agent was elected, the venerable John Early. As soon as circumstances would permit a Publishing House was established at Nashville, Tennessee.

The last report of our Book Agent shows that our Publishing House is more prosperous than ever before—that its business and its usefulness is continually extending.

Our various publishing enterprises constitute a grand arm of aggressive, as well as conservative force, in the spiritual war of light against darkness. As Christians, and as Methodists, we should see to it that this great agent of power is preserved and invigorated.

A man's associates determine his character. Our most intimate companions are the authors of the books we read; they are with us when others

are denied our presence; they enter into our homes, and unquestioned, cross the threshholds of our private chambers.

Bad books are issued in vast numbers. In New York alone 200,000 books of fiction and sensational stories are issued per week. Few of these books tend to the knowledge or love of God, but for the most part exert a demoralizing influence upon their readers, most of whom are young and in a formative period of their lives. Books are equal to anything in influence, save parental example, precept and prayer, in educating and moulding character. Our work is to fill the mind with truth, so that there shall neither be room nor taste for error nor for immorality. We must print interesting books, and we must sell them cheap, so that the bread in our Father's house shall be as cheap and as accessible as the husks on which the swine do feed.

Our Pubishing House has issued valuable commentaries, Biblical dictionaries, standard theological works, and has been specially rich in the department of Church history, biography and Christian experience. We are glad to know that our various Advocates are weekly preaching, teaching and cheering our people, and keeping us all advised of the fortunes of the war the Church militant is waging against error and sin. Their circulation is extending, but this circulation ought to be more rapid and extensive. The fields are white to the harvest, the opportunity wide, inviting us to reach forth our sickles and reap for God. As Christians, we wish God speed to all who are writing and printing for Christ—but your committee especially recommend our periodical Sunday School publications, our central organ, the Christian Advocate, and our New Orleans Christian Advocate. These papers, by their cheapness, their intellect, and their usefulness, commend themeelves to our most hearty approval and diligent endeavors to extend their circulation.

Resolved, That we most heartily commend our books and our papers to the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That as members of the Louisiana Annual Conference we most cordially endorse the business management and editorial conduct of our own organ, the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the increasing patronage of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and we pledge a continuation of our efforts to increase its circulation.

J. B. WALKER, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

We, your Committee on Memoirs, respectfully, though with sadness, report that three of our members, Revs. Joel Saunders, Wm. D. Stayton and J. Lane Borden have been cut down by the ruthless hand of death since our last session, and we present you herewith sketches of their lives:

REV. JOEL SAUNDERS.

Rev. Joel Saunders was born in Concordia parish, La., January 26, 1814, was converted on the night of November 1, 1828, and on the day thereafter joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the ministry of Rev. Thos. Griffin, of the Mississippi Conference. On the 17th of July, 1836, he was licensed to preach and was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference the following December.

His first appointment was to Concordia Circuit. The second year he traveled the Raleigh Circuit; at the close of which he was received into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris. The third and fourth years of his ministry he traveled the Lake Washington Circuit; and was ordained Elder by Bishop Andrew in December, 1840. In 1841 he traveled the Natchitoches Circuit. In 1842 and 1843 he traveled the Caddo Circuit. In 1844 he was reappointed to the Natchitoches Circuit. In 1845 he traveled the D'Arbonne Circuit. At the close of this year, having received but one hundred dollars for the year's labor, and no probability of paying his debts, he located. In 1836 he taught school. In 1847 he was employed on the Minden Circuit. In 1848 he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and at the close of this year was readmitted into the Louisiana Conference. In 1849 traveled the Red River Circuit. In 1850 the Bossier Circuit. In 1851 the Jackson Circuit. In 1852 he was presiding Elder of the Shreveport District. From 1853 to 1856, inclusive, he was Presiding Elder of the Monroe and Ouachita Districts. In 1857 he was agent for Homer College; and was Tract agent in 1858. He was on Grand Cheniere Mission in 1859 and 1860. From 1861 to 1863, inclusive, he traveled the Calcasieu Circuit. At the close of 1863 he was granted a superannuated relation, which relation he sustained to the day of his death.

Brother Saunders was twice married; first to Miss Muford in 1840. His second marriage was to Miss E H. Ashly, of Vernon, La., in 1867. He emigrated to Texas and settled in Cherokee county, in 1865, in which state he continued to reside the remainder of his life.

Brother Saunders was a good man and a sound preacher; always zealous in the cause of Christ and ready to defend the doctrines of his Church.

He was in feeble health for a long time; but about six weeks before his death he began to fail very rapidly, and fully realized the fact that his work was about done.

While disease committed its ravages on his body it seems that his mind was unimpaired. He died in "great peace" and without a struggle August 1, 1883.

Thus passed away another of the faithful laborers in the Master's vineyard.

Resolved 1st, That in the death of Rev. Joel Saunders the Church has lost a good man and a faithful minister.

Resolved 2d, That we tender our Christian sympathies to his bereaved family.

Resolved 3d, That a copy of the minutes containing these resolutions be forwarded to his afflicted widow.

REV. W. D. STAYTON.

Rev. Wm. D. Stayton was born in Washington—now Marion—County, Ky., April 1st, 1826; married to Miss Francis H. Ashley July 6th, 1847; converted in August 1848, licensed to preach in January 1856, and died in Coushatta, La., January 18th, 1883.

On a recommendation from his Quarterly Conference he was received on probation in the Louisiana Annual Conference on February 5th, 1857, from which time to the year 1869, he served faithfully and acceptably the following works: North Rapides Circuit and Colored Mission in 1857–58. Calcasieu Circuit in 1859–60. Natchitoches Circuit in 1861–62. Farmerville Circuit in 1863–64–65. Downsville Circuit in 1866. Bartholomew Circuit in 1867. Iona, now Rayville Circuit in 1868. Waterproof Circuit in 1869.

At the close of 1869 he was transferred to the Memphis Conference and appointed to the Decaturville Circuit. He was permitted, however, to labor on this Circuit but eight weeks, owing to physical inability.

At the close of 1870 he was retransferred to the Louisiana Conference and traveled the Springville Circuit in 1871–72–73; South Bossier Circuit in 1874.

At the close of 1874 he located, but was re-admitted into the Conference in December 1876, He traveled the Colfax Circuit in 1877; Springville Circuit in 1878–79; Pleasant Hill in 1880. He was appointed to South Bossier again for 1881 but a severe attack of pneumonia, which developed into a fatal consumption, prevented his going to his Circuit.

Brother Stayton was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine at the close of his Second year in the itinerancy, and Elder by Bishop Andrew in December 1865. He was a good man, a faithful and earnest preacher, a devoted and affectionate husband and father.

During his illness he rejoiced much "in hope of the glory of God." In the word of God and the incomparable hymns of the Church he took great delight. He sung almost to the last, and often in great suffering he would sing "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," etc.

Brother J. B. Cassity, who was with him much, says: I returned from Conference just in time to spend his last hours with him. I saw on entering his room that he was crossing the "narrow stream" and was almost touching the other shore. He recognized me, took me by the hand and said he was not suffering much. About an hour afterward he passed away. The next day after appropriate funeral services at the church in presence of

a large concourse of people he was buried in the cemetery at Springville, one mile from Coushatta.

Brother Stayton leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters, all grown, two of whom are members of the church. He lived the life of a Christian and died in the triumphs of the Christian Faith.

REV. J. LANE BORDEN.

This beloved Brother was born in Newberne, Green County, Alabama, in 1845, of highly respectable parentage. When a little boy he was converted under the ministry of Rev. F. M. Grace, who afterward prepared him for college. In 1866 he entered the Southern University, in which institution he acquired a finished education. In 1869 he came to Louisiana and was a Professor in Homer College for one session. From thence he went to Trenton and engaged in teaching. In January, 1870, he was admitted on proba ion in the Louisiana Annual Conference, and appointed to Trenton and Monroe as junior preacher with Rev. Chas. F. Evans, preacher in charge. At this place he was particularly noted for his efficiency among the children in the Sabbath School. In 1871–72 he was appointed to Trenton Circuit. In 1873 he was President of Homer College. In 1874–75 he was at Moreau Street Church, in New Orleans. On Vernon Circuit in 1876. At Monroe and Delhi in 1877–78. At Mansfield station in 1879–80, and reappointed to the Presidency of Mansfield Female College in 1881–82–83, in which capacity he served acceptably till his death, which occurred at the close of the spring session of the past year.

Brother Borden was ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh in 1872. As to his ordination to Deacon's orders committee have no information

He was married to Miss Ollie Shepherd, of Trenton, La., in 1871, whom he leaves with six little children in a dependent condition.

During the connection of Brother Borden with this Conference, from 1870 to 1883 inclusive, there has never been a complaint presented to this Conference against him.

On the 16th of June last he fell by the hand of violence and now fills an untimely grave.

Your committee would heartily commend the widow and children to your fostering care and pray the blessing of Almighty God upon them.

THOS. J. UPTON, Chairman of Committee.

REV. J. LANE BORDEN.

(A eulogy delivered by Rev. Charles F. Evans, D. D., at the Conference Memorial Service, and published by request of the Bishop and his cabinet.)

I had the pleasure of standing in the most intimate and confidential relations with Brother Borden. As the memoir has just recited he com-

menced his itinerent life under me. I married him, received his wife into the church, baptised his first child, and now, with tearful tenderness, participate in this service.

The circumstances of our Brother's sudden, tragic death have given occasion for multitudes to scrutinize his life, and for those who knew and loved him best to con their recollections and publish his praise. His early childhood finds a loving admirer in the venerable and renowned Prof. Tutwiler, of Alabama, who says: "I have no he-itation in saying that I have never had a better or more successful student, nor one more upright in all his deportment. An experience of more than fifty years with boys has convinced me of the truth of the adage that 'the boy is the father of the man.'" A classmate of his in the Southern University says: "He enjoyed the full confidence of the faculty and the confidence and respect of his fellow-students both for his excellence in study and for the purity of his character." A distinguished citizen of Alabama says: "A fellow-student who knew him for years in his young manhood, 'in the heyday of the blood,' renders this willing testimony: 'He was of a calm, thoughtful, reflective spirit; he received 'fortune's buffets and reward with equal thanks;' the passions and the judgment were so well commingled in him that he was beyond the foul clutch of lust—and any girl, pure or impure, was as safe under his guardianship as if she were beneath the sheltering arms of her own father.'" His pupils in Homer, and those in Mansfield Female College, which from being the site of his assassination has become his monument, have with one accord indignantly repelled the charges of the assassins, and with tearful tenderness dwell upon his virtues and extol his memory. His ministerial brethren, both in his own church and others where he has labored, boldly assert their confidence in his purity of speech and conduct, and bewail the loss inflicted upon a noble citizenship, upon the cause of education, upon the heroic workers in all philanthropic enterprises and upon "the church of the living God."

As a man, he was possessed of an acute mind, skillfully trained by scholastic exercises and stored with the harvest of centuries of polite and scientific investigations. With such an equal development of his faculties and such a varied fund of information he was too big to be a bigot and too valuable to be a cipher in any circle. In either of his chosen professions, in mercantile and political guilds, where necessities of his own or of others called him, and in the social and political sphere his intellectual force was respected and sought. With this acumen he combined sensibilities as severely disciplined in the school of Christianity.

From his childhood to the day of his death he was distinguished for his unexceptionable life. Like other men he was the subject of disappointments, and in turn he disappointed the financial expectations of his friends. But when three days before his death he publicly referred to the success which crowned his self-denying toil, with a smile of honest pride he defied

anyone to present a claim he was not willing and able to pay. His cheerfulness brought sunshine into every company, and his magnanimity is nobly shown in that whatever sorrows he felt in his heart his face and his voice carried only happiness to his friends.

He was polite at heart, and his manners were not acquired from the usages of refined circles, but came freely from the benevolence that cheerfully sacrificed personal comfort and ambition to the necessities and comforts of others. Money was regarded as valueless in itself, and his generous disposition kept him poor while making others rich. He was a man of tender and profound sympathy, of ardent and strong convictions, and never lacked for the courage of expression or the fortitude which robbed defeat of its pang. In personal valor he was equal to all the emergencies which rose in his life, and yet he was thoughtful, deliberate and self-poised. Frugal in his diet, abstemious in his drink, modest in his apparel, unremitting in toil, bountiful in his gifts, patient in disappointments, resigned under afflictions, magnanimous toward his enemies, and tenderly affectionate to his friends, he presents us an unselfish life thoroughly consecrated to his Master's cause.

As a father, he was both gentle and strong. As a husband, he was both fond and pure. As a friend, he was true, to his own damage, and constant as the North Star. As an educator he accepted the solemn trust of youthful minds with a trembling sense of responsibility and stood in the place of their parents as with a commission from Deity. As a minister of Jesus Christ, he was a burning exponent of his Master's love, and whether he worked or prayed, instructed or entreated, he did it with a heart that was full of kindness.

We have lost from our number a gentleman, a scholar and a Christian; as related to our Conference, a servant, a friend and a brother. After the fierce assault, and murderous shot, and savage shriek and the fiendish waltz of his assassins, his body in a quiet grave finds an "honored, undisturbed sleep from which none ever wake to weep."

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following as their report:

That the licensed liquor trafic is the most gigantic and afflictive evil of the world and age no observant or thoughtful person will deny. In the face of the ruin in body and soul, for time and eternity, of the million of drunkards every yearn manufactured by it in these United States and of its other millions of wretched victims in all lands; in the face of the broken hearts, blasted hopes, grinding poverty and immeasurable anguish of the innocent millions of women and children made to suffer because the government must have blood money, euphoniously called revenue, that comes

from granting license to liquor dealers; in the face of the fact that three-fourths of the crimes committed and of the costs of criminal procedure are directly chargeable to the drink system; in the face of the fact that the good people of this or of any land have it in their power to rise in their might and down the monster: in the face of all these indisputable facts it is the wonder of wonders that the liquor power is found ruling in national, State and municipal governments and sweeping away the barriers of public virtue and private rights. The granting of license for the manufacture and sale as a beverage of intoxicating liquors is in itself a crime.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Harmon, of the Mississippi Conference, says: "The exercise of all rightful authority under organized forms of society, covered by the ægis of constitutional law and common law, must, of necessity, be so exercised as to protect the public weal and insure the moral, the physical and the religious safety of her citizens. The fundamental maxims of all sound law declare that no person or persons shall be permitted to use their property to the damage of society or persons in the State. How, then, did State Legislatures obtain the authority to turn loose upon the world such an evil principle as the liquor license system, contravening the very spirit and intent of all sound constitutional law, and subversive of good government? This gigantic wrong perpetrated against all the interests of humanity, against the dignity and virtue of good government, against the fundamental prosperity of the States, against the peace and happiness of millions, must be dispossessed and driven out from its stronghold; it must be cut, or torn out or voted out from the statutes of all the States; and this criminal legislation must not be held as legal in any true sense of law, because such legislation is crime producing and, therefore, wickedly attempts to legalize that which is illegal. If a just and righteous retribution could be visited upon the guilty legislators who continue to continue to sanction this criminal legislation by the murdered millions who have been cruelly immolated on this bloody alter under the forms of law, never again would there appear a license statute to blacken and smirch the pages of State legislation. The whole liquor license system from the state constitutional conventions, which opened this Pandora's box, to the State Legislatures, which hissed on the vile serpent, and from the Legislatures to the counties, towns and cities, which have multiformed the fiery heads of this great monster, the whole web and woof is repugnant to the Constitution of the United States."

In the Nashville, Advocate, of September 8, 1883, Guilford Jones uses the following language: "In the providence of God, the people of this country are the rulers; their votes control the law-makers and those who execute the laws; hence they are particeps criminis in all the mischief which the liquor trafic is doing in this land."

After giving the facts and figures concerning the liquor trafic, he concludes his article in these strong and truthful words: "Now, before the

bar of public opinion, and before the Judge of all the earth, we charge that the free men of this country are responsible for all this waste and terrible tide of woe. They have the power to throttle this great 'blood-gorged dragon' and destroy him. If they fail to do it they must stand charged with being partakers in this dark and terrible criminality; and if the court of public opinion fails to abate the evil, the guilty must face the charge in the light of the judgment fires."

Your committee are convinced that in order to the death of the liquor power the temperance people, male and female, white and black, in and out of the membership of the various churches must organize, not for a day, not for a year, but for the war, and the end, absolute prohibition. Our foe is found thoroughly organized, and, wholly unprincipled; spent one million and more of dollars to defeat the women of Ohio in their late effort to carry that State for prohibition. The enemy wherever the vote is taken are seen moving to battle as well-trained, thoroughly equipped soldiers. The friends of temperance must learn wisdom from their foes and, as in Iowa, Ohio, Georgia, Arkansas, Mississippi, and in other States, and in some portions of our own State, go into permanent organization and, relying on God and their own pesistent efforts, move forward with close ranks and steady march. The police jury of a parish are compelled, upon the petition of a respectable number of citizens, to grant an election in each ward of the parish. There should be promptly organized in each town' village and neighborhood, a Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and, thus banding together in one the Christian temperance element of all the churches, there will soon be in active operation throughout this State a moral power that cannot be long resisted. The enemy must be fought in detail: a ward at a time must be snatched from his grasp, then a county or a parish, and then a State, and another and another until our broad, fair land shall be saved from the curse. The Church of Christ, helped by the respectable and moral people who are not church members, can do away with this evil, but not without thorough organization and the unconquerable spirit that can stand defeat—defeat to-day to win to-morrow's battle The ballot, wielded not on the line of a political party, but in obedience to Christianity and the demands of highest citizenship, can bring relief in the near future In God's fear, and for love of man, let us use

"The weapon that is firmer set
And surer than the bayonet."

Your committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we do not identify ourselves with any partisan movement; but as a Conference, representing the true interest of the people of Louisiana, we do seek such legislation as shall free our State from the power and influence of the grog-shop, which we recognize as the enemy of all good, and we do hereby call upon all good citizens, irrespective of party or creed, to aid in this object.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the self-sacrificing and efficient labors of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and we will co-operate with and assist them in their labors when they come among us.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Conference whose duty it shall be to confer with similar committees, which may be appointed by other religious bodies, to prepare and circulate for signatures petitions to the Legisture of Louisiana, asking that body to submit to the people a proposition so changing the organic law of the State as to forever prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors except for medicinal, scientific or sacramental purposes.

JOHN T. SAWYER, Chairman.
ROBERT PARVIN.

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P. H. Dieffenweirth	1849	Readmitted
J. A. Ivy	1853	Transfer
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B. F. Alexander	1854	Transfer
John A. Miller	1855	Transfer
B. F. White	1856	Transfer
J. E. Bradley	1857	Transfer
T. H. McClendon	1857	Transfer
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T. J. Upton	1858	Disciplinary Form
A. G. Miller	1858	Transfer
R. T. Parish	1859	Disciplinary Form
J. H. Stone	1859	Transfer
John F. Wynn	1859	Disciplinary Form
John S. Davis	1860	Readmitted
Frederick White	1860	Readmitted
Baxter Clegg	1862	Disciplinary Form
H. O. White	1862	Disciplinary Form
Charles W. Carter	1863	Disciplinary Form
Edwin W. Yancey	1863	Disciplinary Form
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R. Parvin	1871	Transfer
Robert A. Davis	1871	Transfer
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Robt. Randle	1871	Disciplinary Form
J. W. Medlock	1873	Disciplinary Form
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Homer District—R. B. Howell, James Brice, J. W. Dawson, W. P. Kimball.

Delhi District—T. C. Standifer, W. W. Guthrie, Dr. A. S. Helmick, James Stafford.

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	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Total for Ministerial Support.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Number of Sunday School Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School Purposes.	Sunday School Scholars Received into the Church.
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Opelousas District—U. T. Blacksher, J. Schreiner, D. W. Foster, E. A. Pharr.

Homer District—R. B. Howell, James Brice, J. W. Dawson, W. P. Kimball.

Delhi District—T. C. Standifer, W. W. Guthrie, Dr. A. S. Helmick, James Stafford.

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 1—NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

WORKS.	Membership, White.	Membership, Colored.	Local Preachers.	Baptisms, Adults.	Baptisms, Infants.	Collected for Foreign Missions by Church.	Collected for Foreign Missions by S. School.	Collected for Domestic Missions by Church.	Collected for Domestic Missions by S. School.	Collected by Woman's F. M. S.	Collected for Local Missions.	Total for Missions.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Total for Ministerial Support.	Number of Sunday Schools	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Number of Sunday School Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School Purposes.	Sunday School Scholars Received into the Church.
Carondelet Street	571	6	3	21	23	349 00	311 00	100 00		371 50	200 00	1331 50	305 00	305 00	3000 00	3000 00	100 00	225 00	3630 00	1	20	210	1500	250	260 00	9
Felicity Street	260	3	1	1	10	300 00	144 20	85 00		87 65		616 85	240 00	145 00	2000 00	1832 60	50 00	260 00	2287 60	1	26	250	1595	270	245 55	1
St. Charles Avenue	268		1	2	16	200 50	25 00	50 00		100 00		375 50	250 00	250 00	2500 00	2500 00	50 00	100 00	2900 00	3	40	300	400	430	250 00	4
Moreau Street	137				12	63 70	69 30	20 00			10 00	163 00	50 00	50 00	400 00	625 00	10 00	41 65	726 65	1	12	100	1200	175	76 25	2
Louisiana Avenue	130		2		6	97 40	35 40	25 30		75 00		233 10	70 00	70 00	600 00	785 00	20 00	65 00	940 00	1	16	130	500	211	165 00	3
Algiers & Gretna	80			5	14	19 50	19 25	3 89	5 10			47 65	65 00	47 60	750 00	572 20	10 55	34 85	665 20	2	15	167	450	132	237 66	5
Lafourche	36				1	15 00		5 00				20 00	50 00	50 00	600 00	555 00	5 00	10 00	620 00	1	2	12				4
Baton Rouge	263			6	14	71 80	19 50	38 65		20 20		150 15	200 00	166 80	1500 00	1269 05	20 20	69 40	1525 45	1	16	130	500	275	78 00	5
Plaquemine and Gros Tete	80		1	1	12	36 00	4 00	10 00				50 00	35 00	30 00	700 00	439 80	10 00	35 00	514 80	3	7	70	150	70	30 00	
Total	1825	9	8	36	108	1152 90	627 65	337 75	5 10	654 35	210 00	2987 75	1265 00	1114 10	12,050 00	11,578 65	275 75	840 90	13,809 70	14	154	1369	6315	1813	1342 46	33

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	252			2	22	328 65	47 05	50 00		173 00	32 00	630 70	300 00	300 00	2200 00	2200 00	50 00	278 80	2828 80	2	29	265	425	315	87 70	2
Mooringsport	131		1	28	13	75 00	2 00	15 00	75	107 95	30 00	203 70	50 00	50 00	600 00	617 00	10 00	30 00	737 00	4	17	100	100	6	23 00	36
Caddo	214		3	2	7	80 40		20 00				100 40	100 00	80 50	650 00	523 50	10 00	60 00	674 00	4	16	87	150	71		
Logansport Mission	142		2	2	5	22 70		3 65				26 35	25 00	19 20	425 00	326 35	2 50	10 00	358 05	2	10	50		100	12 10	2
Mansfield	120			1		127 00	14 00	20 00		150 00		311 00	120 00	98 70	720 00	596 00	12 50	70 00	777 20	1	16	110	300	201	28 20	2
Pleasant Hill	400		2	30	25	72 00		15 00		13 00		100 00	90 00	43 70	800 00	410 70	7 50	21 50	483 40	8	55	350	300	400	100 00	25
Natchitoches	67			3	5	10 00	7 00	8 00	6 00			31 00	80 00	81 00	550 00	600 00	5 00	8 00	694 00	1	5	30	150	30	10 00	
Anacoco	200	1	5	3	4								32 00	26 25	350 00	50 00			76 25	4	16	125		125	12 00	
Red River	75			12	9	10 00	7 30					17 30	100 00	55 50	600 00	535 00	5 00	10 00	695 50	3	15	60		100	31 00	7
Coushatta	288		5	7	16	41 50		15 00				56 50	100 00	81 65	600 00	492 90	10 00	34 65	519 20	4	17	100			96 00	6
South Bossier	189			5	5	30 00		6 00				36 00	51 00	41 00	500 00	382 75	5 00	25 00	453 75	3	10	95	150	45	5 40	8
North Bossier	222			24		28 75		8 00				36 75	85 00	42 25	800 00	400 00		5 75	448 00							
Many	229		1	1	3	4 15		3 15		6 00		13 30	40 00	40 00	500 00	300 00	1 85	11 60	353 45	1	7	58		66	5 60	2
Sabine	225			15	14	10 00		5 00				15 00	32 00	18 50	400 00	280 00	5 00	5 00	308 50	3	16	150			12 00	7
Provencal	35		1												75 00	21 50			21 50							
Total	2789	1	20	135	198	810 15	77 35	168 80	6 75	449 95	62 00	1695 00	1205 00	978 25	9770 00	7765 70	124 35	570 30	9438 60	40	229	1580	1575	1459	423 00	97

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	175			5	10	25 00	7 00					32 00	100 00	100 00	800 00	600 00	8 00	25 00	733 00	1	10	60	50	40	25 00	4
Washington	110				15	15 05	8 85	15 50				39 30	95 00	39 00	760 00	385 00	7 00	17 50	504 50	1	7	29	275	60	11 55	
Vermillionville	70		1	1	11	20 00		5 00				25 00	55 00	43 00	600 00	463 50	5 00	30 00	541 50	2	11	60	200	59	30 00	
Plaquemine Brulee & Kinball's Chapel	675		2	3	54	30 00	1 70					31 70	90 00	60 45	600 00	405 50	12 00	32 25	510 20	5	48	319	137	51	57 70	3
Abbeville	118			7	7	12 00	2 70	5 00				19 70	50 00	28 25	500 00	361 65	7 00	16 25	413 15	2	12	50	150	116	13 25	4
New Iberia	206		1	6	32	98 00		19 00	100 00			217 00	100 00	100 00	900 00	900 00	13 00	71 00	1084 00	1	14	160	250	180	23 00	5
Franklin	118			1	30	26 25		10 00				36 25	100 00	58 00	1200 00	612 50	10 00	36 00	716 50	1	10	70	100		10 00	
Patersonville & Morgan City	57	2			14	20 00		5 80				25 80	100 00	75 00	1000 00	866 00	7 00	20 20	968 20	2	12	75	150	80	35 00	
Lake Charles	91	1	1		1	26 00	40 00	12 00				78 00	60 00	60 00	500 00	455 00	8 65	44 00	567 65	1	11	75	300	150	137 75	3
Sugar Town	200		1	24	23	10 00		5 00				15 00	35 00	14 30	300 00	315 25	5 00	10 00	344 55	5	20	125			5 00	5
Calcasieu Mission	52		2	5	6	2 00		2 00				4 00	25 00	16 90	105 00	61 00	2 00	1 00	80 00							
Grand Cheniere	32				5	4 00		2 50				6 50	40 00	44 15	200 00	158 35	5 00		207 50	1	5	37		50	9 00	
Total	1997	3	8	52	208	288 30	60 25	81 30	100 00			530 35	850 00	639 05	7405 00	5583 75	89 65	303 20	6615 65	22	160	1060	1612	777	355 95	24

	Receipts for Preacher in Charge.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Total for Ministerial Support.	Number of S. Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Number of S. School Periodicals taken.	Collected for Sunday School Purposes.	S. School Scholars Received in the Church.
J. V—											
R.] 00	600 00	12 00	50 00	759 25	3	22	175		130	36 85	8
J. M 00	423 50	4 50	28 75	524 20	3	20	120	55	175	35 00	12
00	654 80	10 00	31 00	802 90	3	19	130	200	40	15 21	
C.] 00	750 00	10 00	45 00	846 10	3	15	129		280	39 10	6
N. S 00	387 08	3 70	6 30	440 63	3	9	120	125	85	20 00	2
00	158 55	2 40	4 50	184 10	4	13	123		30	8 70	3
Lev 00	344 36	3 75	9 90	397 61	2	6	22	30	48	9 00	
Jas 00	643 00	7 25	19 30	787 55	2	14	94		93		12
A. 4 00	344 00	2 65	5 10	408 05	5	30	149			20 50	23
J. I 00	80 00			100 00							
T.] 00	407 00	8 00	22 20	524 20	3	16	70		120	15 00	9
00	384 00	5 00	7 00	430 00	1	5	27	127	20	10 00	1
J.] 00	330 00	7 00	17 00	402 80	3	12	60	50	40		
T. (00	487 00	5 00	20 00	552 00	3	12	80	350	20	15 00	8
A.] 50	5993 29	81 25	266 05	7159 39	38	193	1299	937	1081	224 36	84
Fel											
Sar											
J.]											
00	490 00	9 00	16 00	560 00	2	16	110	200	130	180 00	4
J.] 00	143 85		3 25	158 85	3	18	75			4 35	
Ch 00	191 00			220 50	1	7	90	75			9
R. 00	236 00		10 25	271 25	3	16	159	250	60	37 50	4
00	524 30	8 00	40 00	617 30	1	5	30	50	35	3 40	3
Ch											
A. ' 00	222 15	1 00	3 00	266 45	4	13	92				
R. 00	50 50	2 00	8 00	70 50							
S.] 00	125 00	7 80		132 80	3	8	60				
00	203 00			208 00							
Ch											
B. 00	50 00	4 00	8 00	62 00	2	8	30	25	12		
R. 00	401 10	2 00	2 50	440 05	6	22	203	120	40	1 80	2
Fr											
S.]											
H(00	2636 90	33 80	91 00	3007 70	25	113	849	720	277	227 05	22
J. '											
00	609 35	6 00	35 50	722 85	1	13	60	200	130	59 00	6
00	600 00	10 00	47 85	709 85	2	13	75	150	70	30 00	7
Go 00	882 95	14 25	60 65	1050 85	3	18	145	506	280	65 20	21
00	900 00	9 00	35 00	1039 75	2	15	125	250	140	40 00	4
00	500 00	7 00	40 00	647 00	3	9	78	200	75	17 00	
Stc 00	600 00	8 25	41 85	713 10	3	15	80		108	20 00	10
00	356 00	1 00	14 45	415 45	3	15	100		75	30 00	2
00	271 60	7 00	1 60	321 20	2	15	130		36	30 00	
Ba 00	265 75	6 00	21 20	325 30	2	12	55	100	50		
00	550 00	9 00	49 00	673 50	1	13	36	300	75	28 70	3
00	271 00	2 25	7 60	322 10					1		
Fo 00	390 00	6 60	5 80	457 40	1	6	40	80	60	5 00	
00	236 20		8 25	288 45	2	6	60			10 00	1
W. 00	6432 85	86 35	368 75	7704 80	25	150	984	1786	1100	334 90	54
He											
00	11,578 65	275 75	840 90	13,809 70	14	154	1369	6315	1813	1342 46	33
00	7,765 70	124 35	570 30	9,438 60	40	229	1580	1575	1459	423 00	97
00	5,583 75	89 65	303 20	6,615 65	22	160	1060	1612	777	355 25	24
50	5,993 29	81 25	266 05	7,159 39	38	193	1299	937	1081	224 36	84
00	2,636 90	33 80	91 00	3,007 70	25	113	849	720	277	227 05	22
00	6,432 85	86 35	368 75	7,704 80	25	150	984	1786	1100	334 90	54
50	39,991 14	691 15	2440 20	47,735 84	164	999	7141	12945	6507	2907 02	314
00	34,428 53	666 80	2250 00	40,740 21	163	1066	7112	10972	5894	2714 91	252
50	5,562 61	24 35	190 20	6,995 63	1	67	29	1973	613	192 11	62

HOMER

WORKS.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected for the Bible Cause.	Collected for Educational Purposes.	Collected for other Objects.	Church Extension.	Number of Churches.
Homer				230 00	20 00	
Tulip	27 00		2 25	5 00		
Haynesville					14 15	
Minden				75 00	4 00	
Sparta	4 70				35 70	
Saline				5 00		
Arcadia	12 00				1 50	
Vernon					7 20	
Indian Village						
Rochester Mission						
Downsville					15 20	
Farmerville					3 00	
Summerfield						
Webster	6 20			70 00	5 00	
Total	49 90		2 25	385 00	105 75	

ALEXANDR

Alexandria & Pineville	60 00			60 00	11 40	
Alexandria Circuit						
Winfield						
Jena				1 00		
Columbia			8 00	40 00	17 00	
Evergreen & Big Cane						
Spring Creek						
Simmsport						
Black River						
Vidalia & Troy						
Avoyelles French Mission						
Bayou Bœuf						
Colfax & Montgomery	3 00					
Castor						
Little River						
Bayou DeGlaize						
Total	63 00		8 00	101 00	28 40	

DELHI

Monroe			4 25	153 00		
Delhi & Floyd	10 00		3 00	53 63	8 25	
Trenton		61 50	14 25	52 00	80 00	
Bastrop	50 00		3 00	250 00		
Lind Grove			3 00	6 00	20 00	
Oak Ridge	20 00				5 00	
Rayville						
Winsboro						
Harrisonburg & Sicily Island						
Waterproof & St. Joseph	11 00		7 20	40 00		
Tensas			2 25		12 75	
Lake Providence & Pecan Grove				23 00	3 00	
Oak Grove & Macona						
Total	91 00	61 50	36 95	577 63	129 00	

RECAPIT

New Orleans District	805 10	63 15	164 75	4190 55	397 35	
Shreveport District	131 90	40	88 60	486 00	274 45	49 5
Opelousas District	114 00	71 65	17 15	93 45	164 20	
Homer District	49 90		2 25	385 00	105 75	
Alexandria District	63 00		8 00	101 00	28 40	
Delhi District	91 00	61 50	36 95	577 63	129 00	
Grand Total	1254 90	196 70	317 60	5833 63	1099 15	183 5
Last Year	1628 25	138 15	606 25	5062 85		173 1
Increase		58 15		770 78	1099 15	10 1
Decrease	373 35		288 60			

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Homer	318		4	18	5	41 95	11 05	15 00				68 00	125 00	97 25	700 00	600 00	12 00	50 00	759 25	3	22	175		130	36 85	8
Tulip	263		3	5	10	70 10	7 50	3 25		19 20		100 05	75 00	67 45	550 00	423 50	4 50	28 75	524 20	3	20	120	55	175	35 00	12
Haynesville	342		3	20	2	20 00		25 50				45 50	125 00	107 10	700 00	654 80	10 00	31 00	802 90	3	19	130	200	40	15 21	
Minden	265			17		8 00		5 20		21 10	4 60	41 90	120 00	41 10	750 00	750 00	10 00	45 00	846 10	3	15	129		280	33 10	6
Sparta	333		4	22	24	10 00		85			8 00	18 85	75 00	43 55	500 00	387 08	3 70	6 30	440 63	3	9	120	125	85	20 00	2
Saline	123			3	13	7 75		4 55				12 30	30 00	18 65	300 00	158 55	2 40	4 50	184 10	4	13	123		30	8 70	3
Arcadia	284		2	8	7	15 50		14 75				30 25	80 00	39 60	600 00	344 36	3 75	9 90	397 61	2	6	22	30	48	9 00	
Vernon	330		1	7	3	37 25		8 60				45 85	125 00	118 00	700 00	643 00	7 25	19 30	787 55	2	14	94		93		12
Indian Village	327		2	19	23	4 60		2 40				7 00	75 00	56 30	482 00	344 00	2 65	5 10	408 05	5	30	149			20 50	23
Rochester Mission	78		1	11	5								20 00	20 00	120 00	80 00			100 00							
Downsville	378		2	5	17	20 30		10 00				30 30	80 00	87 00	600 00	407 00	8 00	22 20	524 20	3	16	70		120	15 00	9
Farmerville	243		2	3	4	7 15		7 00				14 15	80 00	34 00	600 00	384 00	5 00	7 00	430 00	1	5	27	127	20	10 00	1
Summerfield	350		1	20	12	20 00		2 00				22 00	80 00	48 80	600 00	330 00	7 00	17 00	402 80	3	12	60	50	40		
Webster	314		4	20	8	25 00		8 00				33 00	50 00	40 00	515 00	487 00	5 00	20 00	552 00	3	12	80	350	20	15 00	8
Total	3948		28	178	133	287 60	18 55	107 10		43 30	12 60	469 15	1140 00	818 80	7817 50	5993 29	81 25	266 05	7159 39	38	193	1299	937	1081	224 36	84

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria & Pineville	115		2		9	43 70		3 00		6 35		53 05	75 00	45 00	600 00	490 00	9 00	16 00	560 00	2	16	110	200	130	180 00	4
Alexandria Circuit	195		1	5	13	6 70	1 65					8 35	40 00	11 75	400 00	143 85		3 25	158 85	3	18	75			4 35	
Winfield	206			7	17	5 00						5 00	40 00	29 50	350 00	191 00			220 50	1	7	90	75			9
Jena	147			4	14	6 25		10 00				16 25	40 00	25 00	335 00	236 00		10 25	271 25	3	16	159	250	60	37 50	4
Columbia	154		2	3	5	30 00		20 00				50 00	60 00	15 00	700 00	524 30	8 00	40 00	617 30	1	5	30	50	35	3 40	3
Evergreen & Big Cane	141																									
Spring Creek	375		6	23	9	4 00		2 00				6 00	40 00	40 30	400 00	292 15	1 00	3 00	266 45	4	13	92				
Simmsport	40			2	5	5 00						5 00	40 00	10 00	300 00	50 50	2 00	8 00	70 50							
Black River	25												30 00		350 00	125 00	7 80		132 80	3	8	60				
Vidalia & Troy	18												40 00	5 00	500 00	203 00			208 00							
Avoyelles French Mission	50																									
Bayou Beuf	25			3	6	7 50						7 50	40 00		500 00	50 00	4 00	8 00	62 00	2	8	30	25	12		
Colfax & Montgomery	242		1	7	4	50 00						50 00	50 00	34 45	650 00	401 10	2 00	2 50	440 05	6	22	203	120	40	1 80	2
Castor	325																									
Little River	80																									
Bayou DeGlaize	60																									
Total	2198	5	12	54	82	158 15	1 65	35 00		6 35		201 15	495 00	246 00	5085 00	2636 90	33 80	91 00	3007 70	25	113	849	720	277	227 05	22

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	106			5	7	3 00		50				3 50	100 00	72 00	1000 00	609 35	6 00	35 50	732 85	1	13	60	200	130	59 00	6
Delhi & Floyd	233			3	19	21 15		6 30				27 45	100 00	52 00	1000 00	600 00	10 00	47 85	709 85	2	13	75	150	70	30 00	7
Trenton	210	1		30	4	150 85	58 00	20 00		206 70		435 55	100 00	93 00	1000 00	882 95	14 25	60 65	1050 85	3	18	145	506	280	65 20	21
Bastrop	144		1	3	11	24 25		13 00				37 25	100 00	86 00	1000 00	900 00	9 00	35 00	1030 75	2	15	125	250	140	40 00	4
Lind Grove	290		2	7	10	40 00		10 00				50 00	100 00	100 00	685 00	500 00	7 00	40 00	647 00	3	9	78	200	75	17 00	
Oak Ridge	150			20	30		40 00	2 00	6 60		5 00	53 60	90 00	90 00	600 00	600 00	8 25	41 85	713 10	3	15	80		108	20 00	10
Rayville	180			22	31	1 20	70					1 90	71 00	41 00	575 00	356 00	1 00	11 45	415 45	3	15	100		75	30 00	2
Winsboro	306		1	5	27			4 40				4 40	60 00	41 00	500 00	271 60	7 00	1 60	321 20	2	15	130		36	30 00	
Harrisonburg & Sicily Island	115		1		16	14 65		2 00				16 65	60 00	32 35	550 00	265 75	6 00	21 20	325 30	2	12	55	100	50		
Waterproof & St. Joseph	74				11	13 10		9 25				22 35	100 00	65 50	800 00	550 00	9 00	49 00	673 50	1	13	36	300	75	28 70	3
Tensas	47	2			7	3 75		1 50				5 25	55 00	41 25	400 00	271 00	2 25	7 60	322 10			1				
Lake Providence & Pecan Grove	72				8	6 00		1 50				7 50	60 00	55 00	400 00	390 00	6 60	5 80	457 40	1	6	40	80	60	5 00	
Oak Grove & Macona	242			11	36	2 25						2 25	55 00	44 00	400 00	236 29		8 25	288 45	2	6	60			10 00	1
Total	2169	3	7	106	217	280 20	98 70	70 45	6 60	206 70	5 00	667 65	1051 00	816 85	8910 00	6462 85	86 35	368 75	7704 80	25	150	984	1786	1100	334 90	54

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	1825	9	8	36	108	1152 90	627 65	337 75	5 10	654 35	210 00	2987 75	1265 00	1114 40	12,050 00	11,578 65	275 75	840 90	13,809 70	14	154	1369	6315	1813	1342 46	33
Shreveport District	2789	1	20	135	128	840 15	77 35	168 80	6 75	449 95	62 00	1605 00	1205 00	978 25	9,770 00	7,765 70	124 35	570 30	9,438 60	40	229	1580	1575	1459	423 00	97
Opelousas District	1997	3	8	52	208	288 30	60 25	81 80	100 00			530 35	850 00	639 05	7,405 00	5,583 75	89 65	303 20	6,615 65	22	160	1060	1612	777	355 25	24
Homer District	3948		28	178	133	287 60	18 55	107 10		43 30	12 60	469 15	1140 00	818 80	7,817 50	5,993 29	81 25	266 05	7,159 39	38	193	1299	937	1081	224 36	84
Alexandria District	2198	5	12	54	82	158 15	1 65	35 00		6 35		201 15	495 00	246 00	5,085 00	2,636 90	33 80	91 00	3,007 70	25	113	849	720	277	227 05	22
Delhi District	2169	3	7	106	217	280 20	98 70	70 45	6 60	206 70	5 00	667 65	1051 00	816 85	8,910 00	6,432 85	86 35	368 75	7,704 80	25	150	984	1786	1100	334 90	54
Grand Total	14926	21	83	561	876	3007 30	881 15	800 90	118 45	1360 65	289 60	6461 05	6006 00	4613 35	51,037 50	39,991 14	691 15	2440 20	47,735 84	164	999	7141	12945	6507	2907 02	311
Last Year	14820	29	88	387	750	1912 35	659 65	797 02	20 05	1105 15	245 15	4744 43	5473 00	4021 07	45,888 00	34 128 53	606 80	2250 00	40,740 21	163	1066	7112	10972	5894	2714 91	252
Increase	106			174	126	1094 95	224 50	3 88	98 40	255 50	44 45	1716 62	533 00	589 28	5,149 50	5,562 61	24 35	190 20	6,995 63	1		29	1973	613	192 11	62
Decrease		8	5																		67					

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 2—NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

WORKS.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected for the Bible Cause.	Collected for Educational Purposes.	Collected for other Objects.	Church Extension.	Number of Churches.	Value of Same.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Same.	Other Church Property.	Value of Same.	Col. for Church Building and Repairs	Collected for Parsonages.
Carondelet Street	496 00		51 15	1260 50	190 00	1	40,000 00			Depository.	15,000 00	352 00	
Felicity Street	133 45		50 00	1118 55	95 00	1	25,000 00				3,000 00	100 00	
St. Charles Avenue	70 00	27 85	3 85	1034 75	5 50	2	43,330 00					2,500 00	
Moreau Street	20 00		10 00	275 00	20 00	1	20,000 00						25 00
Louisiaoa Avenue	20 00	24 00	20 00		40 35	1	3,000 00				500 00		
Algiers & Gretna	5 45		4 00	148 35	5 00	1	4,500 00						
Lafourche				93 35		3	3,000 00					370 00	
Baton Rouge	45 20	11 30	15 80	220 05	31 50	1	25,000 00					50 00	
Plaquemine and Gros Tete	15 00		10 00	40 00	10 00	3	1,600 00	1	2500 00	Ooe Church Lot.	400 00	227 00	224 00
Total	805 10	63 15	164 75	4190 55	397 35	14	165.430 00	1	2500 00		18,900 00	3,599 00	249 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	114 69		50 00	139 00	75 00	2	11,792 67			Parsonage Furniture.	350 00	3,049 41	139 50
Mooringsport	12 30	40	10 00	60 00	10 00	3	2,000 00	1	400 00	One Lot.	10 00	500 00	20 00
Caddo			1 10		72 65	6 1-3	5,100 00			1 Camp Ground 1 Grave Yard.	200 00	100 00	
Logansport Mission			2 00		2 80	4	2,000 00					75 00	
Mansfield			11 00		30 00	1	3,000 00	1	1500 00	One College.	30,000 00	100 00	
Pleasant Hill				50 00		5	5,400 00	1	500 00	1 College 1 Camp Grouod.	2,000 00	500 00	25 00
Natchitoches			9 00	177 00	10 00	5	6,000 00					150 00	
Anacoco						6	500 00			40 Acres Land.	100 00	50 00	
Red River					5 00	3	3,100 60	1	800 00	Orgao & Parsonage Furoiture	140 00	40 00	535 00
Conshatta				60 00	15 00	4	4,900 00	1	500 00			220 00	27 50
South Bossier	5 00		2 50		10 00	3	2,500 00	1	600 00			1,497 30	200 00
North Bossier			3 00		13 50	4 1-2	2,500 00						
Many					50 00	3	550 00	1	250 00	One Lot in Robelioe.	75 00	89 00	115 00
Sabine						2	650 00	1	200 00				
Provencal													
Total	131 90	40	88 60	486 00	274 45	49 5-6	49,992 67	8	4750 00		32,875 00	637 86	1062 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	40 00	10 00			45 00	1	3,000 00	1	3,000 00				100 00
Washington				11 35	25 00	2	3,500 00	1	600 00				94 75
Vermillionville			2 15	20 00	5 00	2	3,000 00	1	1,000 00			200 00	203 25
Plaquemioo Brulee & Kimball's Chapel					1 00	3	1,800 00	1	700 00	One Church Lot.	100 00	117 00	234 00
Abbeville				9 10	1 00	1	600 00			Ooe Church Lot.	100 00	210 90	
New Iberia		36 50			37 25	1	4,000 00	1	2,000 00				
Franklin	20 00		5 00	70 00	30 00	2	4,000 00	1	2,500 00	Ono Organ.	200 00	14 00	5 00
Patersonville & Morgan City	54 00		2 00		2 00	2	6,000 00	1	700 00		650 00	175 00	500 00
Lake Charles		25 15	6 00	83 00	15 00	1	1,800 00	1	1,200 00			44 00	324 10
Sugar Town			2 00		3 00								
Calcasieu Mission						1	300 00						
Grand Cheniere						1	500 00					325 00	
Total	114 00	71 65	17 15	93 45	164 20	17	28,500 00	8	11,700 00		1,050 00	1,115 90	1461 10

DISTRICT.

	Value of Same.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Same.	Other Church Property.	Value of Same.	Col. for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages.
3	5,000 00	1	600 00			360 00	480 00
3	2,300 00	1	400 00			215 00	105 00
4	2,550 00	1	500 00				
4	3,500 00	1	1,050 00	One Acre of Land	5 00	130 00	1003 11
4	2,500 00			One Organ. One Camp Ground	125 00		
3	500 00					160 00	
4	1,800 00			One Camp Ground.	250 00		
3	2,500 00	1	500 00			590 00	10 00
7	1,250 00			One Camp Ground.	300 00		
3	900 00	1	300 00	58 Acres Land 1 Camp Ground	484 00		
4	1,180 00	1	205 00	One Camp Ground.	250 00	49 50	
3	350 00			One Camp Ground.	250 00	850 00	
4	1,000 00					30 00	
4	1,200 00	1	300 00			285 00	67 00
53	26,530 00	8	4,055 00		1,664 00	2,669 50	1585 11

IA DISTRICT.

2	4,000 00	2	3,500 00			175 00	
7		1		One Camp Ground.			
2	700 00						
2	200 00					25 00	
3	3,000 00	1	500 00			50 00	225 15
4	1,000 00	1	250 00	Two Camp Grounds.	150 00	306 00	
2	3,000 00					450 00	
1							
7	21,000 00	1	800 00	Lot Land in Colfax.	200 00	1,183 65	
3	32,900 00	6	5,050 00		350 00	2,189 65	225 15

DISTRICT.

1	4,375 00					67 75	
3	4,000 00	1	800 00			181 20	
3	4,950 00	1	500 00		1,650 00	1,875 00	94 50
2	2,800 00	1	1,200 00				50 00
3	1,925 00	1	875 00			241 00	52 00
2	3,000 00	1	800 00	One Church Lot.	50 00	15 00	9 00
1	500 00					10 00	
						10 00	42 00
3	1,600 00						
4	4,300 00	1	800 00	One Lot.			
				One Acre of Land.	10 00		
2	1,500 00			Three Lots.			
3	500 00						
27	29,450 00	6	4,975 00		1,710 00	2,399 95	247 50

ULATION.

4	165,430 00	1	2500 00		18,900 00	3,599 00	249 00
6	49,992 67	8	4750 00		32,875 00	637 86	1062 00
7	28,500 00	8	11,700 00		1,050 00	1,115 90	1461 10
3	26,530 00	8	4,055 00		1,664 00	2,669 50	1585 11
3	32,900 00	6	5,050 00		350 00	2,189 65	225 15
7	29,450 00	6	4,975 00		1,710 00	2,399 95	247 50
6	332,808 67	37	33,030 00		56,549 00	19,344 86	4829 86
3	293,675 00	37	28,575 00		62,213 00	14,279 96	4553 65
2	39,127 67		4,445 00		5,664 00	5,064 90	276 21

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Homer				230 00	20 00	3	5,000 00	1	600 00			360 00	480 00
Tulip	27 00		2 25	5 00		3	2,300 00	1	400 00			215 00	105 00
Haynesville					14 15	4	2,550 00	1	500 00				
Minden				75 00	4 00	4	3,500 00	1	1,050 00	One Acre of Land	5 00	130 00	1003 11
Sparta	4 70				35 70	4	2,500 00			One Organ. One Camp Ground	125 00		
Saline				5 00		3	500 00					160 00	
Arcadia	12 00				1 50	4	1,800 00			One Camp Ground.	250 00		
Vernon					7 20	3	2,500 00	1	500 00			590 00	10 00
Indian Village						7	1,250 00			One Camp Ground.	300 00		
Rochester Mission						3	900 00	1	300 00	58 Acres Land 1 Camp Ground	484 00		
Downsville					15 20	1	1,180 00	1	205 00	One Camp Ground.	250 00	49 50	
Farmerville					3 00	3	350 00			One Camp Ground.	250 00	850 00	
Summerfield						4	1,000 00					30 00	
Webster	6 20			70 00	5 00	4	1,200 00	1	300 00			285 00	67 00
Total	49 90		2 25	385 00	105 75	53	26,530 00	8	4,055 00		1,664 00	2,669 50	1585 11

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria & Pineville	60 00			60 00	11 40	2	4,000 00	2	3,500 00			175 00	
Alexandria Circuit						7		1		One Camp Ground.			
Winfield						2	700 00						
Jena				1 00		2	200 00					25 00	
Columbia			8 00	40 00	17 00	3	3,000 00	1	500 00			50 00	225 15
Evergreen & Big Cane													
Spring Creek						4	1,000 00	1	250 00	Two Camp Grounds.	150 00	306 00	
Simmsport						2	3,900 00					450 00	
Black River						1							
Vidalia & Troy													
Avoyelles French Mission													
Bayou Bœuf													
Colfax & Montgomery	3 00					7	21,000 00	1	800 00	Lot Land in Colfax.	200 00	1,183 65	
Castor													
Little River													
Bayou DeGlaize													
Total	63 00		8 00	101 00	28 40	3	32,900 00	6	5,050 00		350 00	2,189 65	225 15

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe			4 25	153 00		1	4,375 00					67 75	
Delhi & Floyd	10 00		3 00	53 63	8 25	3	4,000 00	1	800 00			181 20	
Trenton		61 50	14 25	52 00	80 00	3	4,950 00	1	500 00		1,650 00	1,875 00	94 50
Bastrop	50 00		3 00	250 00		2	2,800 00	1	1,200 00				50 00
Lind Grove			3 00	6 00	20 00	3	1,925 00	1	875 00			241 00	52 00
Oak Ridge	20 00				5 00	2	3,000 00	1	800 00	One Church Lot.	50 00	15 00	9 00
Rayville						1	500 00					10 00	
Winsboro												10 00	42 00
Harrisonburg & Sicily Island						3	1,600 00						
Waterproof & St. Joseph	11 00		7 20	40 00		4	4,300 00	1	800 00	One Lot.			
Tensas			2 25		12 75					One Acre of Land.	10 00		
Lake Providence & Pecan Grove				23 00	3 00	2	1,500 00			Three Lots.			
Oak Grove & Macona						3	500 00						
Total	91 00	61 50	36 95	577 63	129 00	27	29,450 00	6	4,975 00		1,710 00	2,399 95	247 50

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	805 10	63 15	164 75	4190 55	397 35	14	165,430 00	1	2500 00		18,900 00	3,539 00	249 00
Shreveport District	131 90	40	88 60	486 00	274 45	49 5-6	49,992 67	8	4750 00		32,875 00	637 86	1062 00
Opelousas District	114 00	71 65	17 15	93 45	164 20	17	28,500 00	8	11,700 00		1,050 00	1,115 90	1461 10
Homer District	49 90		2 25	385 00	105 75	53	26,530 00	8	4,055 00		1,664 00	2,669 50	1585 11
Alexandria District	63 00		8 00	101 00	28 40	23	32,900 00	6	5,050 00		350 00	2,189 65	225 15
Delhi District	91 00	61 50	36 95	577 63	129 00	27	29,450 00	6	4,975 00		1,710 00	2,399 95	247 50
Grand Total	1251 90	196 70	317 60	5833 63	1099 15	183 5-6	332,808 67	37	33,030 00		56,549 00	19,344 86	4829 86
Last Year	1628 25	138 15	606 25	5062 85		173 1-3	293,675 00	37	28,575 00		62,213 00	14,279 96	4553 65
Increase		58 15		770 78	1099 15	10 1-2	39,127 67		4,445 00			5,064 90	276 21
Decrease	373 35		288 60								5,664 00		

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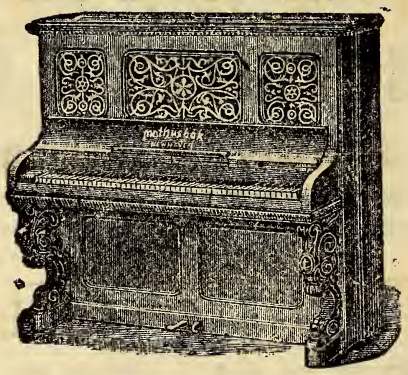

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